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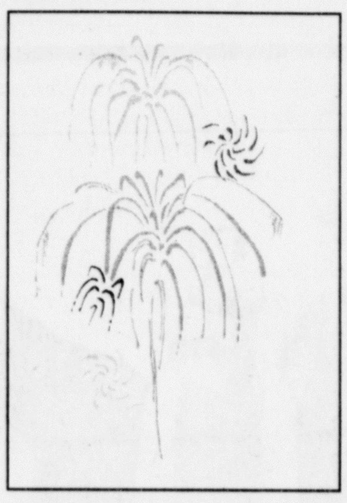
Free fireworks on riverfront for New Year

Editor's note: Although this edition is the News-Ledger's issue of Jan. 1, 2003, it is expected to reach local subscribers and others on Dec. 31, 2002. For that reason, the following New Year's Eve item still appears timely.



A free fireworks show will be held along the Sacramento River waterfront on New Year's Eve. At 10 p.m., with an encore presentation at midnight. The show will be visible from West Sacramento's River Walk Park as well as from Old Sacramento.

Old Sacramento will feature live music, food vendors, a children's stage and other entertainment during the evening from 7 p.m.

Tower Bridge will be closed to auto traffic for the event between 6:30 p.m. and 1 a.m., reports the California Department of Transportation. But pedestrians and bicyclists will be allowed onto the bridge, and may watch the fireworks show from the bridge.

The fireworks shows will be set to pre-orchestrated music played on FM 96.9, the Eagle radio station.

Pre-paid parking ($6) will be available at Old Sacramento parking lots and Raley Field.

Dept. of Interior weighs in against W. Sac casino

The U.S. Department of the Interior has filed a legal memorandum opposing an application by the Upper Lake Pomo band of Indians to acquire new tribal land for a casino in West Sacramento.

This report comes from the County of Yolo and Michael McGowan, which have also formally opposed the project.

The tribe has a pending court case, asking the U.S. government to allow it to acquire new land in West Sacramento to replace land it lost near Clear Lake. Opponents have argued that the tribe has no roots in the Yolo County land.

"Clearly, the Yolo County property does not qualify for trust status under the 1983 judgment and therefore, there is no authority for the Secretary of Interior to accept the land in trust and the Court should not compel that result," argued the Department of Interior in its memorandum.

Roy Palmer, a principal for the firm that hopes to manage the tribe's casino, responded to the report, calling the Department of the Interior's memorandum "standard procedure" and saying "litigation will proceed."

"We've always felt they might oppose this, which is their knee-jerk reaction to something like this," Palmer said Monday. "However, there is a court order [from a past case] saying they must support the tribe, and we are confident we will prevail in the long run."

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BRIEF FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT of THE INTERIOR

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ROY PALMER
CASINO PROPONENT

The tribe has arranged to buy 67 acres from a partnership involving Frank Ramos and "Buzz" Oates near Reed Avenue and I-80 in West Sacramento's northwest. The City of West Sacramento, in a closed-door vote, agreed to drop its own involvement in the court case and accept cash payments in return for providing city services if the tribe wins its battle to open a casino.

But the city's decision has been challenged by a citizens' referendum, which the city council is expected to address at its Jan. 8 meeting.

Rearranging the rail puzzle

Businesses question whether city plan to move lines is fair

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

THE VIEW EAST from a UP spur across Raley Field towards Sacramento: City planners believe that for the riverfront to reach its potential, and to meet future traffic needs, a rail line in the riverfront area needs to go.

Many a visitor to Raley Field has noticed the contrast between that recent addition to West Sacramento's waterfront and its aging industrial surroundings of warehouses, chain link fences and lumpy roads.

They represent the "old" industrial vision of the riverfront and the "new" vision – which is of tourist spots, stores and restaurants, and even high-rise urban apartments stuffing the "Triangle" area that is framed by the river, the freeway and the approach to Tower Bridge.

One barrier to the transition to "higher" land use, however, is West Sacramento's rail system, which feeds the Port of Sacramento and (farther east) the Port Industrial Park. A "feeder line" from the Union Pacific swings south from Sacramento Ave. through the Triangle area, then along the Jefferson corridor, and finally, west to serve the industrial park. This feeder line – in the long run – needs to go, say city planners. Cars, trucks and trains simply will cross paths in too many places as West Sacramento's business and residential traffic continues to grow.

Plans are to replace the rail corridor with a new feeder line that does not impact the Triangle, Riske Lane, Jefferson Blvd., 15th Street or Stone Blvd. A new feeder line is proposed for the city's other end – heading south from the Union Pacific line at the Yolo Causeway right into the city's industrial areas.

"It's not just about getting rail out of the area for commercial development and visibility to the waterfront," said Mayor Cabaldon, "it's also for the rail users themselves. If we don't take the long view of moving rail out of prime waterfront areas, we're going to have a situation much like we have with the Port of Sacramento, with conflicting uses right next to rail uses."

The problem, of course, is money.

At its Dec. 11 meeting, the city council was told that relocating the rail lines would cost an estimated $27 million. The city hopes to find $16 million in assistance from the federal and state governments. Property owners who benefit from the relocation would be (in theory) tapped for another $5 million. Existing rail users and new rail users on the affected lines would contribute $1.5 million each, and the city's redevelopment agency would make up the $3 million difference. Optimistically, it's a 10-year project.

The first step in the financing – setting up a fee collection for new rail users – is underway but has been challenged. On Dec. 11, the council listened to a staff proposal to collect a one-time fee equal to $75 for each rail car a new rail user is expected to process in a year. But that proposal drew criticism from some of the rail users themselves.

"There was quite a bit of testimony against having this rail impact fee, from the Chamber of Commerce, and from BP/Arco (a South River Road fuel company) and others," said Stephen Patek, the city's planning director. "They don't like it. Largely, they felt it was illegal. They felt it would tend to make rail uncompetitive, and encourage rail users to locate elsewhere."

A city staff report also noted that too large a fee could encourage companies to switch to trucking from rail use – pressuring city street traffic.

Although the council appeared to hesitate on the new fee, said Patek, West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon believes it is time to move ahead.

"The issue for them is 'how much,' " said Cabaldon. "Rail users are going to have to be part of an overall financial solution. If we wait for the entire package to come together we'll never get anywhere."

An official at BP/Arco referred the News-Ledger to its attorney for comment on the issue, since the company has appealed the city's rail user policy. The attorney wasn't immediately available for comment.

The rail relocation issue is scheduled to return to the council on Jan. 8 at its 7 p.m. meeting.

Spreading the cheer —

More than 800 local families received "Christmas baskets" of food from the annual West Sacramento Christmas Basket Project effort this year. Included in the baskets were turkeys from Safeway, along with donations of canned and fresh food for holiday dinner.

A parallel gift effort brought 1,500 donated toys to youngsters in need. The toy drive was organized by the U.S. Marine Corps.

The Christmas Basket Project includes volunteers and donations from many area churches, businesses and individuals. Food baskets were distributed on Sunday, Dec. 22, at the International Longshoremen & Warehousemen's Union at 4th and L streets.

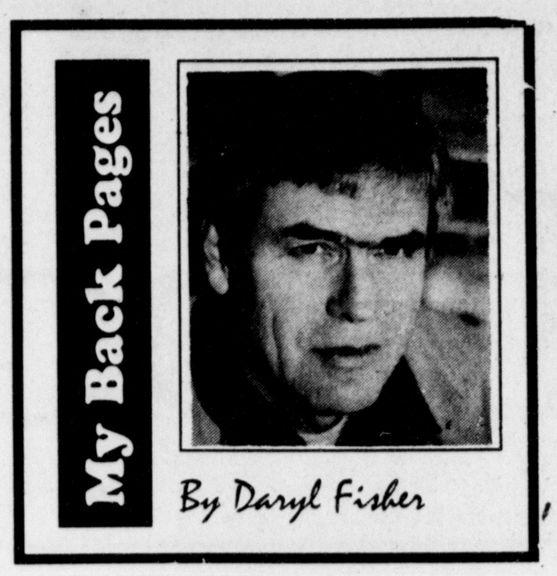
HELENA HELMOLD, chairperson of the Christmas Basket Project, with LINDA DAWSON (the group's secretary) and DAVID STROUD of ASB Properties. Stroud helped bring in financial contributions to the holiday food drive this year.

This photo was snapped late Sunday – when most of the holiday food baskets stacking the tables had been claimed, and the work of most volunteers was done.

Courtesy photo

It's time -- again -- to make a few resolutions

Editor's note: Daryl is taking the holidays off from column writing, but since he didn't manage to keep very many of the New Year's resolutions he made in 1999, here they are again.



An old friend of mine who dropped by for a little visit over the holidays turned out to have a number of interesting suggestions for this column. "You know what I would do if I was writing the darn thing?" he said with conviction.

"What?" I asked politely.

"Well, to begin with, I'd talk more about politics. You hardly ever mention all the stuff that's going on in Washington, D.C.. For instance, you should take a clear, no-nonsense stand on Bill Clinton's shameless lack of morals and then write about it for a good month or so. I bet that would really fire up your readers."

"But I don't think I want my readers fired up," I tried to explain. "Plus I'm afraid I don't really care what happens to Bill Clinton one way or the other."

"You're kidding?"

"Nope. If he goes away, then Al Gore will be president, and he seems like a pretty nice guy. And if he stays, those yucky right-wing Republicans will keep dropping like flies, so I figure the country wins either way."

Fifteen or twenty minutes further into our conversation, my friend did hit upon an idea which seemed to have some potential. "1999 is just around the corner," he said, "so why don't you write a column about your New Year's resolutions?"

"But I don't think I have any New Year's resolutions," I said, quickly searching my mind to see if I had a few buried somewhere.

"But all the big-time newspaper columnists talk about their resolutions every single year," my friend assured me. "Couldn't you just make up a few? I mean, who's going to know the difference?"

"Well," I had to admit, "it would definitely beat writing about Bill Clinton. Thanks for the suggestion. I'll see what I can come up with.

New Year's resolution #1: I will no longer spend half-an-hour every morning trying to wake up my teenage sons so they won't be late for school. If they want to spend all night playing video games and grow up to be as dumb as trees, then so be it.

New Year's resolution #2: I will stop pretending that if you eat something and no one sees you do it, it has no calories.

New Year's resolution #3: I won't go to any more high school reunions. I mean, how many times must someone be expected to smile and say "hi" to people who used to make your life miserable?

New Year's resolution #4: I'm going to try and do a better job of remembering that "If there is any kindness I can do, let me do it now, for I shall not pass this way again."

New Year's resolution #5: I will start wearing cords again, if I can only find a store that still sells them.

New Year's resolution #6: I will stop suffering fools gladly, even those I'm related to.

New Year's resolution #7: I will stop making such an effort to save money, the idea being that it will give the kids one less thing to fight about in the future.

New Year's resolution #8: I will break down and purchase a second pair of glasses. It's ridiculous to spend more time trying to remember where I left the darn things than I do using them.

New Year's resolution #9: When one or more of my kids come home with yet another broken heart, I'm going to remind them of what Nicholas Cage said to Cher in the wonderful movie *Moonstruck*, that "We are not perfect. The stars and the snowflakes are perfect. We are here to ruin ourselves -- to break our hearts -- to love all the wrong people."

New Year's resolution #10: I'm going to call the telephone company and get rid of whatever it is that allows my daughter to *69 people who really didn't want to talk to us in the first place.

New Year's resolution #11: I'm not going to insist on my kids knowing what they want to be when they grow up until I have a better handle on that myself.

New Year's resolution #12: I'm going to pay more attention to fads. I read somewhere that Madonna and ex-Spice Girl Geri Halliwell have both decided to start practicing celibacy and really get into housework, and those are the kinds of trends that a guy should be aware of.

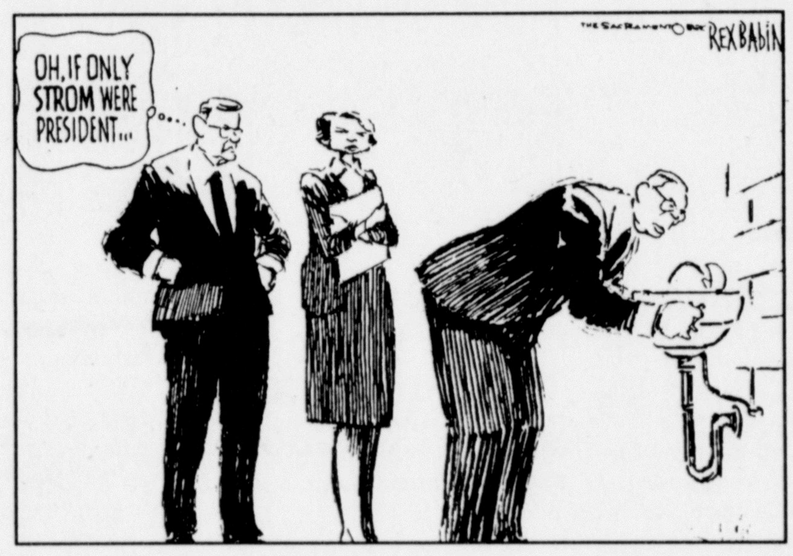
New Year's resolution #13: I will try to find a way to wash my dog that ends up with him being wetter than me.

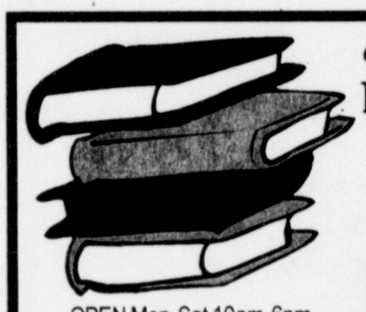
New Year's resolution #14: I'm going to try and become a much better speller. I mean, there's simply no excuse for getting words like Lebanese and Lesbian mixed up.

New Year's resolution #15: I'm going to give up on trying to appreciate rap music. I think it's best to just admit that what little musical taste I have begins and ends with Bob Dylan and leave it at that.

New Year's resolution #16: And finally, in 1999, instead of making any grand plans or dwelling too much on the past and all those things I can't change, I think I'll just try to spend more time reflecting on maybe the most important truth of them all -- that it's all free time.

Happy New Year!





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—African adage
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He became mellow before he became ripe.
—Alexander Woollcott
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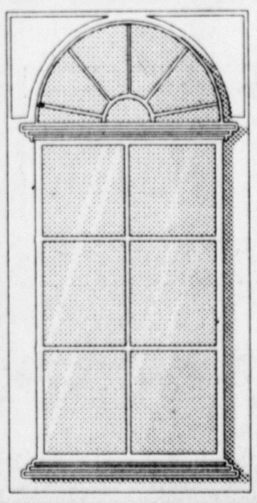
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Obituary

Winford Leroy Stone

Winford Stone was born in Iowa on August 13, 1918 and died in West Sacramento on December 24, 2002. He was a retired brick mason.

Mr. Stone is survived by his daughter, Sarah Stone of Spencer, Iowa, and his niece, Eileen Elledge of Sacramento. He was a resident of Yolo county for forty years. Burial was in the Woodland Cemetery.

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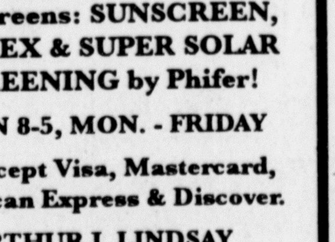
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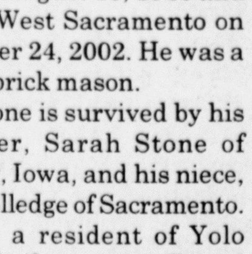
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SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

NFL ACTION

The Oakland Raiders are one step closer on the road to the Super Bowl in San Diego on January 26th. The Silver and Black shut out the Kansas City Chiefs 24-0 to clinch the home field advantage throughout the playoffs. The AFC's road to the Super Bowl will come through Oakland. The AFC playoff scenario is set after a stunning 42-17 win by the New York Jets over the playoff bound Packers. The Jets upset the whole AFC division by winning the East title and sending the Dolphins and defending Super Bowl champion Patriots home for the Holidays. This will be the first time since 1999 that both pervious year Super Bowl teams failed to make the playoffs.

The playoffs will kickoff on Saturday, January 4th with the Indianapolis Colts (1:30 p.m.-ch.10) traveling to New York to tackle the red-hot Jets (9-7) and in the NFC the Falcons (5 p.m.-ch.10) will try their luck on the frozen tundra of Green Bay. On Sunday, January 5th the Browns will play the Steelers (10 a.m.-ch.13) and the 49ers (1:30 p.m.-ch.40) will be at home against the rejuvenated New York Giants. For the first time since 1986 New York City has both teams in the playoffs!

Oakland and Tennessee both have earned a first round bye before they host their home games on either January 11th or 12th. The Raiders will play the team with the worst record. Tennessee is the second seed in the AFC division. In the NFC the Eagles are the No. 1 seed and Tampa Bay is the second seed. Wouldn't it be great to see the Raiders play Jon Gruden and his Bucs in the Super Bowl?

Here are my playoff predictions! In the AFC I like the New York Jets (-6) but they will have their hands full with Manning and the Colts and six points is too much. Jets 28 – Colts 24. In the other Saturday game the Packers (-6) should take care of the beat up Falcons. Packers 31 – Atlanta 17

The Sunday morning game between the Steelers (-8) and Browns will be closer than the 8 points the odds makers have indicated. Steelers 27 – Browns 24

In the NFC contest in San Francisco (-4) the Niners will have a tough time with the Giants but a rested team from Monday night's game should help. 49ers 24 – Giants 17

NBA ACTION

It was a Merry Christmas for the Sacramento Kings after they beat the Lakers on National Television. The Shaq and Kobe show was alive and well for prime time T.V. but the Lakers supporting cast never did show up. Television analyst Bill Walton kept reminding the audience that Kings were not good enough to beat the powerful Lakers but then late in the fourth quarter Walton was seen jumping on the Kings band wagon! Welcome aboard! The bad news for the Kings was the injury to Bobby Jackson, who broke his left hand in the game. Jackson, who was karate chopped by Shaq (and no foul), will be out six to eight weeks. Jim Jackson and Hedo will pick up the additional minutes at the back up guard position.

The Kings will be on vacation for six days before they play on Saturday, January 4th in Denver (6 p.m.-FSN). I hope the Kings enjoy their holiday break because after resting for six days the Kings will play five times in seven days!

See ya next Year!

Happy New Year and enjoy your holiday!

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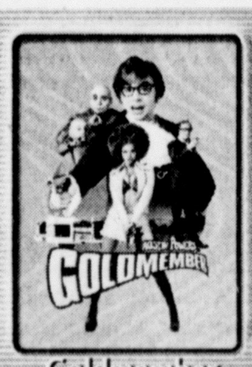

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No act of kindness, no matter, how small is ever wasted.

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The Lion and the Mouse

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Never judge a work of art by its defects.

—Washington Allston

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by Chris Richcreek

1. True or false: Nolan Ryan once led the National League in ERA.
2. How many times has Philadelphia Phillies reliever Jose Mesa compiled back-to-back seasons of 30-plus saves during his career?
3. Who led the NFL in rushing touchdowns during the 2001 season?
4. Who is the all-time leader in career points for men's college basketball at Illinois State?
5. What team traded goalie Dominik Hasek in 1992 to Buffalo, where he went on to win two regular-season MVP awards?
6. Who is the only driver to have won three consecutive NASCAR Winston Cup championships?
7. Who was the only women's tennis player in 2002 to beat both Venus and Serena Williams in singles matches at the same tournament?

Answers On Back Page

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is elocution the art of?
2. LANGUAGE: What is an imbroglio?
3. MYTH: According to the legend, what was the name of the kingdom where Lady Godiva made her famous ride on a horse?
4. GEOGRAPHY: Where did the Hindenburg airship disaster happen?
5. HISTORY: When was the first recorded eruption of Mount Vesuvius?
6. MOVIES: Who starred in "The Natural"?
7. LITERATURE: In what century did Chaucer write "Canterbury Tales"?
8. ASTRONOMY: What is the constellation Pegasus also known as?

Answers

1. Public speaking
2. A confused mess
3. Coventry
4. Lakehurst, N.J.
5. 79 A.D.
6. Robert Redford
7. 14th century
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The Sacramento Storytellers Guild will be presenting *Beginnings*, a storytelling performance on January 9th at 7:30 p.m. in the Hart Senior Center, 27th and J Streets in Sacramento. Admission is free and donations are accepted. For further information, call Amelia at 863-1121.

Antiques show and sale

Sunrise Mall's Winter Antiques Show and Sale runs from January 2-5. Exhibitors will fill the Mall from Macy's North to Sears with glass, china, porcelains, pottery, furniture and much more. Sunrise Mall is located at Sunrise Boulevard and Greenback Lane in Citrus Heights. For more information, call 961-7150

Wildlife refuge happenings

Wintering migration is presently flying through at Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge. Enjoy the self-guided hike to the wildlife viewing platform on January 11th and 25th. For updates and unexpected closures such as flooding, call 775-4420.

To reach the refuge take Interstate 5 to the Elk Grove Boulevard exit, turn west and park. The entrance is adjacent to the highway.

Play auditions

The Francis Dickie-St. Michael's Actors Guild (944-2763) will hold auditions January 6-7 at 7 p.m. for "Seven Keys to Baldpate", a mystery-farce by George M. Cohan. Roles are open for 13 adults of any age. Auditions will be cold readings from the script and will take place at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2140 Mission Avenue in Carmichael. For more information, call 557-0151.

Classic movies

The 11th year of classic movies at the Towe Auto Museum begins with the showing of the 1935 Grace Moore classic movie "The King Steps Out" on January 24th at 7 pm, a musical comedy based on the life of Emperor Franz Joseph. Admission is $8. The Towe Auto Museum is located at 2200 Front Street in Sacramento. For more information, call 442-6802.

MLK march

Sacramento City College and the Freedom March Committee invite the public to participate in the 16th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. March, to be held on January 20, 2003. The March will depart the Oak Park Community Center at 7:30 a.m. and will be followed by a 10:30 a.m. program at the west steps of the Capitol. Marchers are encouraged to join at any station along the route.

For further information, call the Sacramento Urban League at 286-8600.

Remembering Vietnam

The Golden State Museum, 1020 O Street in Sacramento, will present "The Golden State Reflects on the Vietnam War" from October 8th to January 26, 2003. On display will be treasured artifacts from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Sacramento's State Capitol Park that reflect the many different ways in which Californians have responded to the war. General admission is $5 and for more information, call 653-7524.

Homespun memories

The Folsom History Museum's newest exhibit, HomeSpn Memories: A Stitch in Time, features the lost art of needlework and embroidery. The theme of the exhibit lies within "women's work" and what they did Monday through Sunday. The exhibit runs through January 5, 2002. The Folsom History Museum is located at 823 Sutter Street in Folsom.

Autorama

The 53rd Annual Sacramento Autorama will be held at the Cal Expo & State Fairgrounds, 1600 Exposition Boulevard in Sacramento on February 7-9. It is the largest custom car show in the West with hundres of vehicles, hot rods, motorcylcles, trucks and restored cars. For ticket and other information, call 530-667-4761.

Widowed persons meet

The Widowed Persons Association of California encourages widowed men and women to come to Sunday Support get-togethers each Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the Widowed Persons Association office, located at 2628 El Camino Avenue, Suite D-18.

Activities include bowling, brown bag opera, needle and thread, breakfasts, dinners, golf, card games, dancing and traveling. For more information, call 972-9722.

Soroptimist awards: looking for a few good community members

West Sacramento's Soroptimist International club recently announced they will be sponsoring four community service awards and that they need the help of the community in identifying worthy recipients. The awards are:

(1) The Violet Richardson Award, which honors young women for their volunteer actions. The award is a recognition program for young women ages 14-17 engaged in volunteer action within their communities or schools. The award is given to young women whose volunteer activities make the community and world a better place.

(2) The Women's Opportunity Awards program, which provides cash grants for women seeking to improve their employment status by gaining additional education and skills. The program was designed to provide assistance to women who serve as the primary breadwinners for their families. The women may use the award to offset any costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education.

(3) The Making a Difference for Women recognition program, which recognizes a woman who through her active participation in her community has truly made a difference for women. This participation can be through her job or as a private citizen working on her own. This should be a woman who has been active in the community for at least ten years.

(4) Women of Distinction, which honors those women who have served with distinction through community organizations.

The Violet Richardson Award and the Women's Opportunity Award each have a cash grant made to the recipient and the opportunity to advance on to the Regional level for consideration. The Women Helping Women, and Women of Distinction awards will be honored with a donation to the recipients favorite charity in her name.

Anyone interested in providing names of persons they feel are qualified for any of the above mentioned awards can contact Soroptimist International of West Sacramento President Jerri Wingfield at 371-7678 or PO Box 94, West Sacramento, California 95691.

Scott Arthur Masear

"After my medical license was revoked, I tried robbing banks, but no one could read my stickup notes."

Jean Sorensen

"We're looking for make-up that adds or shaves off five years, depending on the user."

Get Your Financial House In Order

(NAPS)—According to the second annual Allstate "Retirement Reality Check" survey, 69 percent of Baby Boomers believe they know how much money they need to save for retirement. However, more than half of those surveyed (53 percent) also worry that they won't be able to meet these goals by retirement.

Where do you stand in saving for your golden years? Here are some things to consider when putting a plan in place at various stages of your life:

Getting started (age 21-30)

- Tackle short-term goals like reducing credit card debt and paying off college loans.
- Participate to the maximum allowed in your employer's 401(k) or similar savings plan.

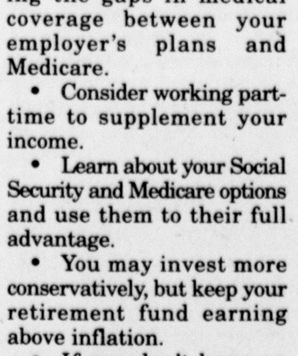
Getting settled (age 31-40)

- Focus on savings despite multiple demands on your time and money at this stage of your life.
- Invest for the long run to reap the most rewards.
- Consider other tax-deferred investments if you're already maxing out your 401(k) and IRA contributions.
- Encourage children to contribute to their college funds.

Moving up (age 41-50)

- If your kids are older, you can spend less on them and save more for retirement.
- Continue investing and let the power of compounding work for you.
- Consider your aging parents and talk to them about future care.

Empty nesters (age 51-60)



By planning early for your retirement, you make it easier to enjoy your golden years.

- With retirement around the corner, at least 15 to 20 percent of your income should go toward retirement savings.
- Your retirement investments will be working for you for years to come, so you don't have to be overconservative.
- Consider buying long-term care insurance now while rates are affordable.
- Update beneficiaries on financial documents.

A new beginning (age 61+)

- Make a priority of filling the gaps in medical coverage between your employer's plans and Medicare.
- Consider working part-time to supplement your income.
- Learn about your Social Security and Medicare options and use them to their full advantage.
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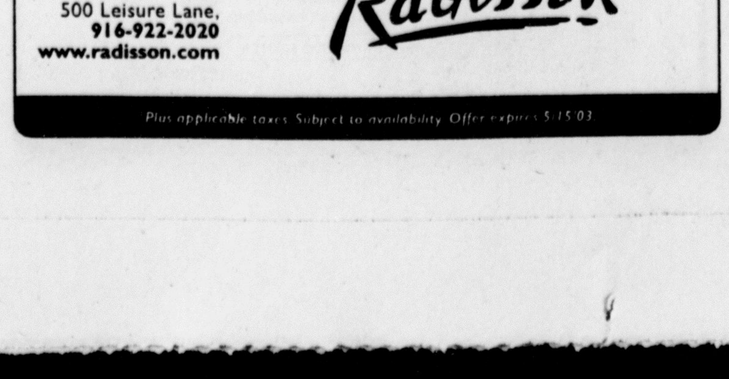

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SEE ATTACHMENT (CCP section 861.1)

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (a Ud. le esta demandando) SEECON FINANCIAL & CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., a California corporation.

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A letter or phone call will not protect you; your typewritten response must be in the proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case.

If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book).

Despues de que le entreguen esta citacion judicial usted tiene un plazo de 30 DIAS CALENDRIOS para presentar una respuesta escrita a maquina en esta corte.

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Yolo County Superior Court, 725 Court St., Rm. 103, Woodland, CA 95695.

Case Number (Numero del Caso) PT02-2023

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o dal demandante que no tiene abogado, es): David P. Lanferman, SBN 071593, (415) 434-9100, Fax No. (415) 434-3947; Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, LLP, Four Embarcadero Center, Suite 1700, San Francisco, CA 94111.

DATE: Nov. 21, 2002
KATHLEEN M. White, Clerk, By /s/_

Attachment to Summons

Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure sections 863 and 861.1, this Summons is directed to all persons interested in the matter of Washington Unified School District Resolution No. 023-01, entitled, "A Resolution of the Governing Board of the Washington Unified School District Adopting a School Facility Needs Analysis and Adopting Alternative School Facility Fees in Compliance with Government Code Sections 65995.5, 65995.6 and 65995.7 and Making Related Findings and Determinations (Level 2/3 Fees)."

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons interested therein may appear or contest the validity of said Resolution by filing a written answer to the complaint not later than January 20, 2003, or 10 days after completion of the publication of this Summons.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matter of KAYLANNI MONIQUE BONTON, Minor.
No. JV-02-00178
CITATION

To all persons claiming to be the father of the above named minor:

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 725 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on February 19, 2003. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor born to Kristine Bracy on March 29, 2002. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

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/s/JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT

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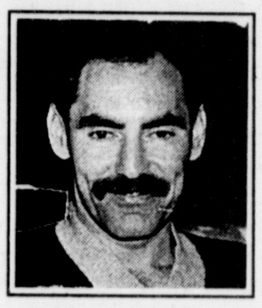

Daniel S. Martinez

The family of murder victim Daniel S. Martinez has offered a $5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the crime.

Anyone with information is asked to call West Sacramento Police Detective Tom Maggiano, 372-2461 ext. 290.

Martinez was killed June 13 in West Sacramento.

Locals in uniform

David A. Cheechov

Air Force Airman David Cheechov has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

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Appointments are scheduled to begin on December 18, 2002. For additional information or to receive an application, contact the office of the City Clerk, 1110 West Capitol Ave., 3rd floor or call 617-4500. Applications are also available on the city's web site: www.ci.west-sacramento. ca.us. Click on City Council and then click on Boards & Commissions.

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First Southern Baptist Church Pastor Michael Root Sun. School 9:30am Sun. Worship 11am, 6:30pm Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111	**Southport Community Church** James Allerton, Pastor 2568 Industrial Blvd. Elem. School 9:30 a.m. Children's Programs Wkly Small Grp Bible Study Great Music www.southportcommunity.com 372-7818	**Westside Covenant Church** 371-3933 Meeting Sunday at 10 a.m. at Westfield Village Elementary School 508 Poplar Ave. West Sacramento
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There's always room for improvement—it's the biggest room in the house.
—Louise Heath Leber
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Crime Watch

Postal Inspectors Fight Fraud On The Internet

(NAPS)—To catch a thief, follow the money. That basic idea has served as a guide for crime fighters over the years. Today, the place to find many criminal operations is on the Internet.

Fraud on the Internet becomes mail fraud when the U.S. mail is used in any phase of the illegal scheme.

As the amount of business transacted over the Internet has grown, so have the number of scams and schemes.

For over 200 years Postal Inspectors have safeguarded the customers of the U.S. Postal Service. That familiar group of crime fighters also joins the effort to stamp out Internet fraud. Fraud on the Internet becomes mail fraud when the U.S. mail is used in any phase of the illegal scheme.

According to the National Fraud Information Center, a few of the top Internet scams involving mail fraud are online auctions, bogus services, fraudulent merchandise offers, misrepresented computer sales, business opportunities, work-at-home schemes, advance fee loan scams and illegal sweepstakes or prizes.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service maintains a home page containing information on the mission of the Service and tips on how to avoid getting taken by various schemes. To learn more, or to report fraud online, visit the website at www.usps.com/postalinspectors.

Protecting Our Environment
WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING ❖ HOW YOU CAN HELP

10 Million Trees Branching Across America

(NAPS)—Trees are branching out all across America, 10 million of them. You've probably seen one without realizing it—in a park or along a beautifully landscaped highway. In fact, if the National Tree Trust lined up all the trees it planted since 1990, they would stretch from New York City to Los Angeles and back.

To celebrate the National Tree Trust's official 10 millionth tree planting, the Washington, D.C.-based organization coordinated a nationwide event aptly named "Branching Across America." The National Tree Trust and its army of volunteer groups planted a tree in each state capital city on the same day—November 21, 2002.

The locations varied as much as each city's landscape and history—at a park in Indianapolis, a school in Concord, an arboretum in Columbus and the State Capitol grounds in Phoenix.

"Including all 50 states in the celebration is appropriate because we wouldn't have made it to 10 million without the entire country's dedication to our cause," National Tree Trust President Richard Keefe said.

More than 500,000 volunteers have partnered with the nonprofit organization and close to one million students have grown their own trees through its programs.

"The nationwide event will also help raise awareness of the importance of trees to communities across the country, how trees benefit the environment and how they can enhance the beauty and property values of the areas where they're planted," Keefe added.

Turning over a newer leaf, a national program volunteer has started planting another 10 million trees.

Indeed, trees are vital to the health of our environment. Over a 50-year lifetime, one city tree provides over $57,000 worth of benefits, from reduced air conditioning demand to erosion, storm water and air pollution control.

The National Tree Trust Web site now has individual pages for all 50 states, so people can look at the impact the organization has made across the country. To learn more or find out how you can help the National Tree Trust plant trees in your neighborhood, visit www.nationaltreetrust.org or call 1-800-846-TREE.

OPINION

Letters to the Editor

Cloning questions

Regarding the news of an apparently successful attempt at cloning a human being: Welcome to "The Balonieum" as brought to us by the latest incarnation of P.T. Barnum in this new millennium. This French "spokeswoman" for whatever "Institute of Cloning" she claims to represents seems, from first reports, to be somewhat of a con artist (with rather pedestrian scientific credentials) in search of a way to divert attention away from certain legal entanglements regarding other aspects of the "clone-a-con" business she's apparently involved in.

Questions abound: If the clone has the DNA of the mother, that would make it's grandfather it's father. If that's true (bring in the lawyers), just think of the lawsuits that could be brought, the crimes that could be charged -- incest (before and/or after the fact) for example. How about "Who's responsible for the care, feeding, changing, rearing, and (let us not overlook) paying for, this wonderful product of mankind's irresponsibility?

A true sign of the immature, leaping before looking.

J. BESHARIAN
West Sacramento

Teachers want more coverage

As a resident and teacher in West Sacramento, I have been disappointed at the lack of *News-Ledger* coverage of events leading up to the "slowdown/work to rule" of teachers in the Washington Unified School District. Once "Work to Rule" takes place, teachers will follow the strict interpretation of the contract day and duties. Voluntary and/or hourly paid responsibilities including before and after-school tutoring and interventions, after-school programs, and professional development activities will be suspended during "Work to Rule".

I urge the *News-Ledger* to help bring public awareness to the issues and obstacles that have come between the Washington Teachers Association and the governing board members of the Washington Unified School District. The public and community members deserve to know what is happening since it directly impacts their children, grandchildren, neighbors, and anyone else attending schools in the Washington Unified School District.

Let's make the education of students and retention of quality teachers a number one priority in West Sacramento.

HEIDI RAMIREZ
West Sacramento

(Editor's Note: The above letter from Ms. Ramirez was received too late for publication last week, when the News-Ledger carried an article revisiting the ongoing teachers' contract dispute. The News-Ledger plans further exploration of this topic soon.)

Build the senior center

I read in the Dec. 4 News-Ledger that a letter writer was asking why the planned senior center would be put on West Capitol Ave.

That land was bought for the senior center. We would like it designated for no other purpose than for a senior center.

Interested seniors should write to the city council asking that the property be set aside only for a senior center.

Many thanks to Kathleen O'Leary (of the West Sacramento Redevelopment Agency) and city staff for working so hard to acquire the land for a senior center.

JUANITA LOPEZ
West Sacramento

New Year's Poem

Editor's Note: West Sacramento businesswoman and resident Julia Harrington asked that the following poem be published as a prayer for peace in the new year.

COSMIC MEETING OF THE STARS
Before leaving, the sun splattered the blood of flowers
on the veil of evening
And slowly started clothing maiden evening
with golden jewelry
And nature let down its silver wares.

In the moment of silence, the night descended with hushed steps
It started down with the dress of pearls,
That live far off from the worries of the world,
That man calls the stars.

In the blues of the night, above the Milky Way, beyond the galaxies,
Came down the voice of an angel from heaven,
Asking them to sing the song
To awaken the slumbering ones.

"O! teachers of the night, O! stars of the sky, immortal is your race.
Worlds revolve around you, for you are the guide.
You give direction to the lost.
Constitution of luck know thee.
So maybe they will listen, people of the earth."

The silence of the night was shattered
With a star filled sky
As if it had given birth
Like a reflection of flowers in a drop of dew.

"Afraid of the new ideas,
fixed on old doctrine,
is the destination that is difficult
in the lives of nations.

This caravan of change
Is moving so fast
That nations get trampled
Under its feet.

In an age, people of earth have not understood
What we have understood in our short lives
That helping one another, and unity,
Is the essence of life.

This point is beyond the cosmos
Of the beauty of the stars."

SAMI UDDIN AHMED
JULIA HARRINGTON
West Sacramento

From the Attorney General:

Busting country crooks

By California Attorney General Bill Lockyer

Crimes like horse thievery and cattle rustling, which evoke memories of the "Old West," are still daunting challenges for law enforcement in the Golden State. With one of the largest agricultural economies in the world, California offers an enticing target for a multitude of "country" crooks.

Although it is no longer a "hanging" offense, livestock theft remains a problem in many California counties, such as San Benito, San Joaquin, Tehama, Riverside and Fresno counties, which have experienced the loss of dairy and beef cattle and horses. Last year, more than $2.8 million worth of livestock was stolen in California. Even hay disappears by the truckload.

Theft of crops and farm products is also a lucrative business for rural thieves. Southern California counties, such as San Diego and Ventura, are particularly vulnerable to avocado thefts. Palm trees are another "hot" item for thieves. Used to landscape shopping malls and hotels, small palms can fetch from $35 to $500 while their taller versions can bring in thousands of dollars.

In order to combat rural crime, the California Department of Justice has joined with local law enforcement, other state agencies including the California Highway Patrol and the California Department of Fish and Game, and farmers' interests to form the California Rural Crime Prevention Task Force. The mission of this Task Force is to build partnerships between citizens, law enforcement, government, and business and service organizations to develop new and effective strategies for rural crime prevention and to improve the ability of law enforcement to respond to the needs of rural areas.

Suggestions on property protection and crime prevention in rural crimes are also available from the Agricultural Crime Technology Information and Operations Network (ACTION), a federally-funded project of law enforcement and community interests in the San Joaquin Valley. Ranch and farm owners, for example, should maintain fencing and gates and post signs indicating "No Trespassing" areas in order to prevent access to thieves, and should immediately report thefts or suspicious activities to law enforcement in the area. They should obtain a risk potential report from local officers, control access to facilities and escort visitors at all times while they are on the premises. Owners should also thoroughly screen job applicants and check their references. They should routinely test security systems and designate a single spokesperson to handle all calls about animals in order to protect information about the location of animals or other information that could help a potential thief.

Additionally, ranch and farm workers should watch for unusual behavior by fellow employees, such as staying especially late, arriving unusually early or accessing files and information outside their areas of responsibility. Workers should take note of unescorted visitors on the property, and report suspicious activity to their employer at once.

For further information on how to prevent rural crime, please call my Crime and Violence Prevention Center at (916) 324-7863.

Together, we can roust out rural thieves, and keep our state and our life-giving resources safe and secure.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 3, 2002
File No. 2002-967

The following person is doing business as Israel Outdoors, 1205 Covell Place, Davis, CA 95616.

Avi Green, 1205 Covell Place, Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by a Joint Venture.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/3/02.

/s/Avi Green

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Date: Dec. 3, 2002
by: /s/Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 9, 2002
File No. 2002-983

The following person is doing business as Silver Spur, 2125 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95691:

Robert A. Villarrael and Nataliya Klepach, 2230 Tallac St., Sac., CA 95821.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

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/s/Robert A. Villarrael
/s/Nataliya Klepach

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by: /s/Josie Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

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ORDINANCE SUMMARIES

At their regular meeting on December 18, 2002, the West Sacramento City Council adopted, by the vote noted below, Ordinance 02-21, levying a special tax within the Community Facilities District No. 16 (Bridgeway Lakes).

AYES: Kristoff, Montemayor, Pierson, Villegas, Cabaldon

NOES: None

At their regular meeting on Jan. 8, 2003, the West Sacramento City Council is scheduled to adopt Ordinance 03-01 repealing Chapter 8.04 and adding Title 19, relating to the abatement of nuisances, to the West Sacramento Municipal Code (Nuisance Abatement Ordinance).

The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, CA.

Jan. 1 ●

TOMATO FACTS & FANCIES

Try Dried Tomatoes

(NAPS)—You say tomato and I say tomahto...What we can agree upon is that sometimes market tomatoes just don't make the grade. Those sturdy, flavorless red balls in the produce department can be seriously deficient in true tomato characteristics. But instead of calling the whole thing off, we can enjoy another type of tomato–the dried tomato.

Dried tomatoes are nothing less than the sun-ripe fruit of summer preserved by removing their water content the same day that they're plucked from the fields. Dried tomatoes come in several forms, but can most often be found in cellophane bags of dried halves or in jars, marinated in olive oil. They have a sweet/ hearty flavor that adds zest to pasta, soups, casseroles, breads, pizzas, and more.

Try the following recipe and see if you don't agree, whichever way you say it, that dried tomatoes are uniquely satisfying.

Tomato Lemon Pilaf
A tasty accompaniment to grilled meats or vegetables

½ cup Sonoma® Dried Marinated Tomatoes, drained, oil reserved
1 small onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, chopped
1 cup rice
2 cups beef, chicken or vegetable broth
1 tsp. grated lemon zest

Slice tomatoes into strips. Heat oil reserved from marinated tomatoes in a large saucepan. Add onion and garlic to pan; sauté until onion softens. Add rice, and stir it around until it is completely coated with the oil. Add stock. Bring to a boil, lower heat and cover. Let simmer 18 minutes.

When rice is cooked, stir in tomatoes and lemon zest. Allow to heat through for a couple of minutes. Makes 4 servings.

You can find dried tomatoes at your favorite market, or order sulfur-free Sonoma® Dried Tomatoes from Timber Crest Farms, phone 888-374-9325, fax 707-433-8255, or online at www.timbercrest.com.

There is never a new fashion, but that it is old.
—Chaucer

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 13, 2002
File No. 2002-918

The following person is doing business as Wolf Enterprises and Investments Inc.; Wolf Management Services; Wolf Investments Unlimited, at 1300 Harbor Boulevard, West Sacramento CA 95691.

Randall A. Carasco, 1716 Deerwood St., West Sacramento, CA 95691.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/01/02.

/s/Randall A. Carasco

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Date: Nov. 13, 2002
by: /s/Allen Campos, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Aug 279, 2002
File No. 2002-698

The following person is doing business as Fat Cat Scones, 752 Northport, West Sacramento, CA 95691:

VanWolfs LLC, 8552 Erinbrook Wy, Sacto CA 95826.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

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/s/Anthony Van Rees, President

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Date: Aug 27, 2002
by: /s/Vikki Wittig, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct 28, 2002
File No. 2002-871

The following person is doing business as Davis Surgery Center, 2120 Cowell Blvd., Building K, Davis, CA 95616:

Davis Surgery Center Inc., 635 Anderson Road, Suite 18, Davis CA 95616, incorp. in Calif.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on.

/s/Keith Brewer MD
Davis Surgery Center Inc.

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Date: Dec 3, 2002
by: /s/Lupe Ramirez , Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec 6, 2002
File No. 2002-979

The following person is doing business as Quest Health Care, 2799-B Delmonte Street, W. Sacramento CA95691:

Centennial Medical Equipment (a Florida corp.), 2600 Technology Drive, Suite 300, Orlando FL 32804.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10-15-02.

/s/Rebecca L. Myers, Secretary
Centennial Medical Equipment, Inc.

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Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Dec. 6, 2002
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 11, 2002
File No. 2002-999

The following person is doing business as Davis Ford; Davis Nissan, 5080 Chiles Rd., Davis CA 95616.

Davis Ford Inc. (a Delaware corp.), 5080 Chiles Road, Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on NOT YET BEGUN.

/s/B.L. Kilbride, Vice President
Davis Ford, Inc.

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County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Dec. 11, 2002
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing.
—Socrates

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NOTICE TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Jefferson Boulevard Widening Project located in the City of West Sacramento. This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of widening Jefferson Boulevard between Stone Boulevard and Marshall Road. The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment.

Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (telephone: 916/617-4645).

Any affected or interested parties may appear at the January 15, 2003 City Council meeting and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

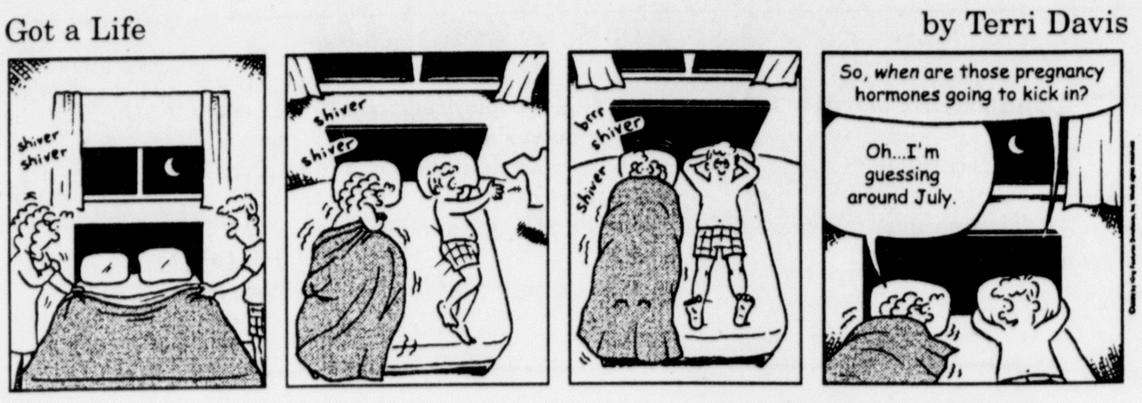
The West Sacramento City Council will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration on January 15, 2003, in the City Council chambers located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Dec 18

PUZZLES & COMICS

Got a Life

by Terri Davis


shiver shiver
shiver shiver
brrr shiver
So, when are those pregnancy hormones going to kick in?
Oh...I'm guessing around July.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

YOUR OBSESSION WITH SPYING ON THE NEIGHBORS IS OUT OF CONTROL!
YOU'RE IN NEED OF SOME SERIOUS HELP.
YOU'RE RIGHT, I'LL GET YOU SOME BINOCULARS TOO!

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

Dear Sim, I'm learning lots of interesting things about the tropics from the locals down here.
'Course, they're learning stuff from me, too.
HE SAYS FARMERS WOULDN'T BE CAUGHT DEAD WEARIN' SHORTS!
WOW! THAT'S JUST WEIRD!
U.S. MAIL
MARLAND

POPEYE
HEY EISMAN
I WUZ THINKIN' OF MY FUTURE, POPEYE!
THA'S A GOOD IDEA, SWEE'PEA...
...IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TA THINK OF YER FUTURE!
I DECIDED IF I CAN'T BE A SAILOR...
...I'D LIKE TA BE AN ENGINEER!
THA'S A GREAT CAREER, SWEE'PEA...
...IT WON'T BE EASY...
...Y'LL HAVE TA MAKE SACRIFICES
Y'LL HAVE TA STOP WATCHIN' TEE VEE...
...AN' DO MORE BOOK LEARNIN'...
...NIGHT 'N' DAY!
THEN COLLEGE, LEARNIN' HIGHER MATH...
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110 John — Passos
111 On the briny
112 Fast flier
115 Last name in talk shows
117 End of remark
123 Mineral suffix
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128 Dram
129 Examine
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70 Archaic preposition
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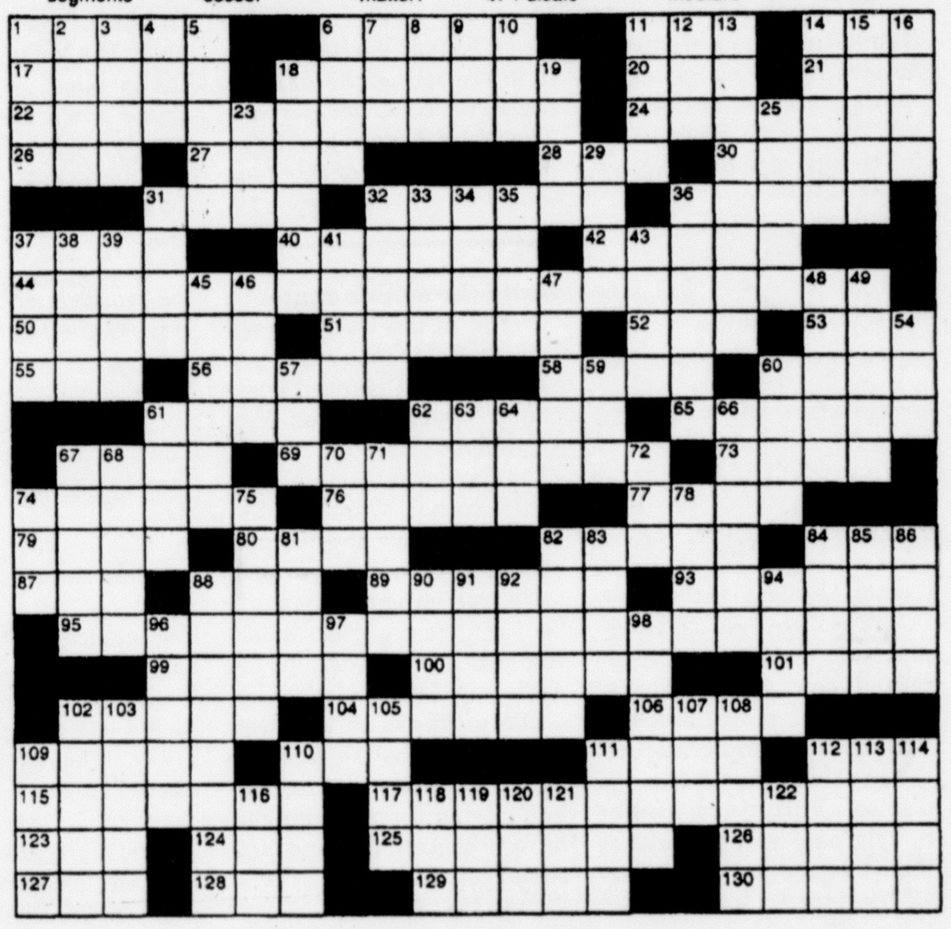

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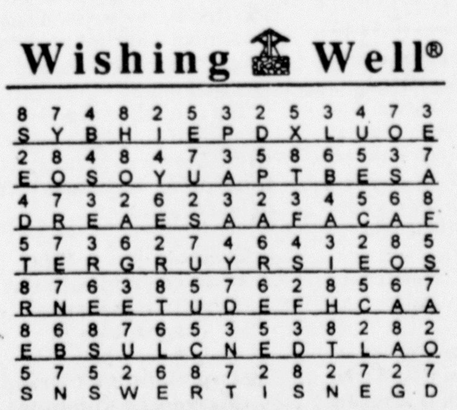
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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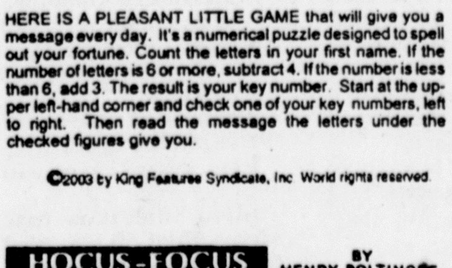
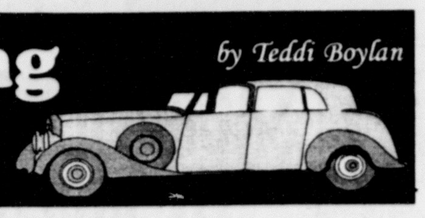


DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

Touring with Teddi

by Teddi Boylan



By Tom Boylan

Hello again. Once more I have the opportunity to share a story while my mother Teddi Boylan recuperates from a recent surgery. I appreciate your good thoughts towards her recovery and return to the News Ledger. In the interim, I would share a New Years memory.

When you hang on long enough you get the opportunity to celebrate many New Years. Taking the time to reflect on some of those past celebrations, I'm drawn to a particular New Years Gala several years ago. It was a simple enough occasion and yet the people involved gave me great hope for the future and an even greater respect for the present.

My wife and I joined her parents for an evening in San Francisco at the Marine Memorial Hotel. There were 2 floors dedicated to dining and dancing the old year away and welcoming the New Year in grand fashion. As the evening got underway and the guests began to take their places, I noticed that the median age of the crowd seemed to be getting older with each new couple. By the time dinner was being served, my lovely wife Melody and I realized we were probably the youngest couple in what had to be near 300 couples.

As dinner progressed the entertainment portion of the evening began to arrive. Having grown up in a sing along family, I knew who Mitch Miller was, but I didn't think he would be performing that evening. In reality it wasn't Mitch, it might have been his older brother. They had a drummer who had to be the oldest drummer in the world. I remember a comment that he changed the tempo of the songs by increasing the rate of his pacemaker. By the time the singer arrived the band had settled in and the strains of a Duke Ellington song began to fill the ballroom. Within minutes the dance floor began to fill in.

We sat in awe of the dancers that swirled round the floor. Ladies dressed in beautiful gowns accompanied by tuxedo clad gentlemen carried us away, back in time. There were smiles and quiet voices singing into ears and the dancing went on and on. As midnight neared the glasses were filled with champagne for all and as the bandleader went into his 10, 9, 8, countdown I realized that this was the best New Years I had ever experienced.

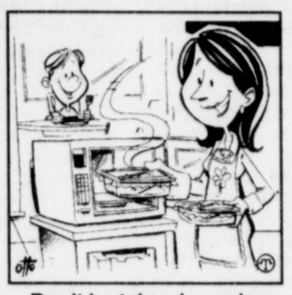
When midnight arrived glasses were held high with great expectations for the New Year, but I had to wonder given the age of most in attendance, if the real celebration was for tomorrow or for the fact that they were still here today. I made the resolution that evening to spend my future New Years Eves celebrating both.

I wish you all a very healthy and happy New Year.

Don't Be Myth-Informed

(NAPS)—We've all seen them in our e-mail boxes—those pervasive and persuasive stories about everything from gangs and guns to chemicals and cancer. Have you heard that Bill Gates will send you cash if you forward an e-mail? Maybe you've read that if you microwave with plastic it will literally drip toxic chemicals into your food? You may have learned that the Great Wall of China is the only man-made object visible from space, or that a duck's quack doesn't echo. All of these are urban myths, good stories that appear mysteriously and spread spontaneously in varying forms.

Often created by an individual with an agenda, these are perpetuated endlessly by the well-meaning. Your mother, your brother and your best friend all send them to you—and everyone else they know. *U.S. News and World Report*, in its recent cover story on hoaxes and legends, states that, "the Internet's power is more readily harnessed to proliferate hoaxes than to quash them...anybody can potentially have access to millions of people. When that anybody happens to be a hoaxer, the results can spread for years."



Don't be taken in—microwave myths are half-baked.

Some modern hoaxes—even well-intentioned ones—can scare people into making bad choices.

For instance, a widely forwarded e-mail claims that a doctor said on TV that you shouldn't microwave plastic because it will drip poisons into your food. This is misleading at best, according to Barbara Mikkelson of the San Fernando Valley Folklore Society, who explains that the Food and Drug Administration carefully reviews the substances used to microwave food. Furthermore, the director of the Hawaii Center for Health Promotion referenced in the hoax e-mail is not a medical doctor, but an administrator. There is, Mikkelson concluded, no basis for avoiding plastic.

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PAGE FROM THE PAST

LOCAL ITEMS

The Sacramento River registered 2 feet 1 inch U. S. gauge at the S. P. bridge yesterday.

Alex McAllister, lately returned from France, was a visitor with his sister, Mrs. Agnes Newton, last Tuesday. He has returned to his position on the police force in Sacramento. During his absence he spent a short furlough at his old home in Ireland.

Tony Leonardo and Harry Norton, dope users, were turned loose last Wednesday by Judge Barry under promise to keep out of town. They were visitors from Sacramento for a few hours only and have not been seen since their sentences were suspended.

Suprvisor Leinberger spent several days of the past week in Lake County in connection with the threatened suit against the Yolo Water and Power Company for pumping from Clear Lake. He was accompanied by the other members of the Board of Supervisors.

Harry Van Baaren is expected home soon on furlough. He is now located at New York and has seen two years of service in the navy.

The steamer Josie Lane is stranded on the sandbar at Vernon where she stuck last Wednesday when returning from Colusa. She had towed a edrrick barge and pile driver up stream without trouble, but became stranded on her return. Only paddle boats can now go north of Vernon because of the low stage of the river.

Mrs. Ed. Hansen came home from San Francisco last Thursday where she spent two weeks' vacation.

Alfred Shaw of San Francisco, formerly a resident of Washington, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Belle Porter has returned from a visit in San Jose.

Mrs. Richard Egen is ill at her home on Mary street, but recovering.

As a safety measure the Southern Pacific Company has built a fence about 20 feet long at right angles to the Southern Pacific bridge at the Third street crossing. The fence is to be painted white in order to call the attention of motorists to the sharp turn in the road after leaving the bridge. Two accidents have occurred recently at this point.

Mrs. L. Simoni has been a visitor during the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caffero.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Fuller have gone to Mendocino County on a two weeks vacation. The trip was made by auto.

E. Klefman is at home from Shasta Retreat.

Elmer Wilkerson, who was a chauffeur for J. H. Glide before the war, has turned up and called on his mother at San Pedro, although she believed him dead, and even received five months pension. During a flight over the German lines about a year ago the plane he was using was brought down by anti-air craft guns. He was somewhat injured but recovered. He was imprisoned for more than a year, during which time he was believed to be dead, and his pension was being paid to his mother. He will likely return to Washington.

Mrs. Mary Wolsert of Fresno, who has been visiting Mrs. Celia Hart for several weeks, has returned to her home.

Mrs. Mabel Petersen, Mrs. Lillie Valentine and Howard White and Blair Manchester motored to Wheatland last Friday.

Ex-Supervisor Tom Snider is prolonging his stay in Washington, with the probability he will not return to Arizona till next winter. He may be found around his old haunts taking life easy. During the past week he spent some time in Woodland and visited with the Board of Supervisors.

The League to Enforce Peace will hold a meeting to-night in the rooms of the Board of Trade in the Courthouse in Woodland.

Mrs. T. E. Sanchez and daughters Isabelle and Inez are at their home in Riverbank after a long vacation at Pleasanton and Monterey.

Mrs. F. Moser, Mrs. S. T. Rickard and Mrs. A. M. Cameron were hostesses at a surprise party yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Joseph Shaw, given in honor of the joint birthday of Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Celia Hart. The parlors were prettily decorated with pink and white flowers and pink and white streamers of crepe paper. The same color scheme prevailed in the dining room, and a birthday cake with lighted candles was on the table. The afternoon was spent with games and music. The guests were: Mrs. Joseph Shaw, Mrs. Celia Hart, Mrs. E. Curry, Mrs. H. B. Buckingham, Mrs. Jane Buckingham, Mrs. P. A. Hart, Mrs. Mary Noyes, Mrs Emma Reinersman, Mrs. L. C. Steward, Mrs. H. M. Eugene, Mrs. F. Moser, Mrs. S. T. Rickard, Mrs. A. M. Cameron, and Mrs. I. K. Manchester.

The Baptist Young People's Society at the home of Mrs. A. M. Cameron, which was partly in celebration of the birthday of Miss Pearl Moser. Strings of Japanese lanterns lighted the lawn. Those present were: Mrs. F. Moser, Mrs. S. T. Rickard, Misses M. Moser, Ruth Rickard, Cora Moser, Selma Braun, Sallie Russell, Helen Buckingham, Josephine Vergilio, Blanche Deal, Messrs. Ralph Shaw, Leland Peek, John Peek, Grant De Riso, Allan Stockton, Lowell Russell, Wallace White, Clifton Steward, Roy Pankost.

Clarence Stockton has left for a two weeks' vacation at Placerville.

Mrs. Forest Smith, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. F. Moser, has returned to her home in Natomas.

SACRAMENTO NORTHERN READY TO BUILD BRANCH TO TAP SUTTER BASIN

Confirming a story printed in a Woodland paper a few days ago the Independent has assurance that in the very near future a branch line will be built from Hebron to Meridian as soon as materials can be secured.

Hebron is located on the main line about a mile east of Woodland.

Details are lacking at this writing, but will be available the next issue of The Independent.

The surface indications as published in Woodland are virtually as follows:

Steel will be on the ground within a very brief period, perhaps in days instead of weeks, for the construction of the Sacramento Northern loop through Sutter basin terminating at Meridian in Sutter County. The new feeder will start near Hebron about a mile east of Woodland.

The information came direct today that adjustments had been made, making it possible for the electric line to first enter the great basin belt, which is about to come into its own as one of the greatest grain producing belts in the West as a result of the construction of the Sutter levee for which the State recently appropriated some $3,000,000.

The Sacramento Northern heads contemplate that within short order the Sacramento River will be past navigability in the upper reaches the better part of the year as a result of the increasing drain upon the river for irrigation purposes. It plans to enter this virgin field to command the transportation of the vast acreage of grain, farm and orchard products, and to open up a country which from a standpoint of settlement is almost a waste.

The projected loop will practically make Woodland the terminal base for supplies and direct transportation to the distributing markets of the country. Sacramento and Meridian will call for some of the traffic, but the main factor in the enterprise is that the construction of the road will feed the electric line, which in turn will automatically develop the west side as no other enterprise.

The Sacramento Northern officials admit that the company his been working for some time on this project, but that now obstacles have been removed and construction is imminent immediately.

Inquiry in Woodland would not confirm any of the details, but from Sacramento the story was admitted as true as to generalities.

TOWN FILLING SEEMS TO TAKE WITH PROPERTY OWNERS

Very few objections have been heard from property owners of Washington against the method of town filling suggested in The Independent of July 11th.

Many people have been interviewed on the subject and the only real objection is the cost of house raising consequent on the fill.

This cost would be entirely offset by the material raise in the property values within the town and the influx of population following would make a still greater increase.

The Independent will welcome will publish them without bias or coloring.

IMPROVED LAND AT A PREMIUM

Woodland, July 16.—Gottlob and Kauss have sold to Treve J. Sanders 10 acres and improvements in the Hoppin subdivision. The small ranch is highly improved with first class buildings, and brought the sum of $7000 to the sellers.

JEFFERSON BOULEVARD REPAIRED AND IN GOOD SHAPE

During the past two years there has been heard considerable complaint about the condition of the concrete roadway on Jefferson Boulevard extending through West Sacramento from the soil laboratory south a distance of six miles.

Many breaks were made in the concrete so that in places it was dangerous for autos or horses.

During the past four weeks repairs have been made by filling all chuck holes and laying a surfacing on the new parts of solidite paving.

The result is that a splendid highway extends from the M-street bridge through to the southern end of the district.

This road will be used as a part of the highway system for which a bond issue of $1,000,000 is being asked of the taxpayers of the county.

CARD OF THANKS.

For the splendid way in which the Volunteer Firemen of Washington helped us and saved our home and for the manner in which our neighbors and friends worked and risked their lives to save our household goods, we desire to express our heartfelt thanks. To the Sacramento Fire Department we desire to say that we hold ourselves ready to return the compliment they paid us by their hard work.

MRS. T. J. ENRIGHT and FAMILY

MRS. MACHADO WILL RETURN TO HOME AND HUSBAND

Woodland, July 16. — Manuel Machado, prosperous rancher of the Clarksburg section, sends word to his friends here from Phoenix, Arizona, that his wife and three children, who left here unexpectedly and without explanation three months ago, are to return for a second time.

It was three months before Machado located his wife and three children after their second departure. Soon as he had her address he engaged Probation Officer A. A. Powers, without expense to the county, to accompany him to the southern city to aid him in effecting a reconciliation.

It was learned today that some complications had taken place in Arizona ,which delayed the return of the little family to their Clarksburg home, that eventually all would be amicably adjusted.

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PANKOST WILL SUE WATER COMPANY FOR DAMAGES

That the holocaust of Friday morning, July 11th, was due in great part to lack of water in the mains of Washington seems to be the almost universal opinion prevailing in the town.

Every man who tried to help extinguish the flames says that at no time during the start of the blaze could a stream of water be thrown from the hose nozzle farther than two feet.

And had there been but a slight pressure all the buildings that are now in ashes could have been saved.

"We worked for half an hour in the basement of the Pankost house watching the flames lap up the walls and burst through the windows, but not a drop of water was available."

That is the expression of one of the firemen and it has been confirmed by several others.

S. P. Pankost is having the franchise of the water company examined and if that franchise bears a clause that the company must furnish water to quench fires he will sue for his loss in an amount equal to the value of his property before the fire less the amount of insurance carried on the property, namely $3,000.

It is currently reported that C. G. Colbert, engineer at the water works, when asked to turn on full pressure of water to put out the fire answered, "I only take orders from my boss. We don't have to furnish water if we don't want to."

Colbert tried to get the gasoline pumping engine started but failed till some of the Pankost boys helped him.

The Fire Commissioners held a meeting last Saturday evening at which Colbert was present. He explained his actions at the time of the fire. He was accused of incompetency.

The fire is still under investigation.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Louis Caffero et ux. to Sac. and San Joaquin Drainage Dist.—188.80 acres in Sec. 28, T 11 N, R 3 E.

A. F. Nunes et ux. to Great Western Power Co.—Right of way W ½ Sec 30, T 7 N, R 3 E.

Matthew William Powell, to Mary Dolan—Lot 15, block 16, Riverbank Subdivision.

COLLEGE FARM HANDS ENTERTAINED BY GIRLS

Woodland, July 13.—An innovation in social events took place this evening when twenty-five Woodland girls assembled at the county courthouse and waited for the arrival of three truck loads of boys from the various universities of the State who are employed on the 25,000-acre Conaway ranch which stretches from Woodland to Elkhorn. The idea was conceived by Manager Lockhart of the big ranch. The conventionality of formal introductions was eliminated and every girl knew every collegiate. The girls were driven to the Canaway ranch, where a dance and feast were the features of the evening. The college boys' band furnished the music. The Woodland girls enjoying the treat were as follows:

Elizabeth Porter, Ilda Ludden, Ruth Lowe, Ruth McGriff, Georgia Hughson, Leila Hecke, Martha Hecke, Bernice Hadsall, Margaret Harling, Elizabeth Wooster, Lorraine Foley, Claire Lowe, Aline Clary, Mildred Hadsall, Edna Ruppert, Isabel Leithold, Helen Leithold, Katherine De Celle, Jane Hunt, Hazel Younger, Janet Meritt, Meta Scott, Lucille Browning, Eloise Hare, Reva Shaffer and Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Cloud.

CARD OF THANKS.

In kindly recognition of the great work done by the Washington Volunteer Firemen last Friday, July 11th, in their gallant efforts to save our home and place of business, we ask to offer our sincere thanks. We also wish to tender our thanks to the friends and neighbors who helped us in saving a part of our household goods, and we desire to express our appreciation of the great work done by the Sacramento Fire Department.

MR. and MRS. S. P. PANKOST AND FAMILY.

GREAT PROGRESS GOES ON IN WEST SACRAMENTO

The impetus given to business on the Yolo side of the Sacramento River through the decision to locate the Virden Packing plant and stockyards there, seems to be gaining ground.

The first unit of the U. S. Fibre Products Company plant is under construction with many men engaged thereon.

This building measures 60 by 200 feet and is already assuming shape.

It is located on the line of the Oakland-Antioch R. R. directly west of the county road and of the two large rice mills.

Dr. Chick, one of the promoters, said to The Inpedendent yesterday that actual manufacturing will start not later than September 15th.

In addition he said:

"Already the entire output of the factory during the first year's work has been sold and as we go along the demands for extensions are pressing.

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Police log

Dec. 24, 2:23 a.m.

A 40-year old man was arrested for choking his live-in girlfriend during an argument on West Capitol Ave. The man was found to have a dagger in his possession.

Dec. 25, 8:30 a.m.

A stolen pickup truck was recovered on Water St. The owner claimed it, and reported that the toys, clothes, briefcase and other items in the truck were not his.

Dec. 25, 10 a.m.

Two sisters argued on Merkley Ave. One grabbed a cane, and the other picked up a bottle. They each struck the other with their weapon. One was taken by ambulance to a hospital for treatment. A report was forwarded to the District Attorney for possible action.

Dec. 25, 7 p.m.

Officers responded to the report of a fight and of shots fired near 6th and James streets. An intoxicated juvenile subject told responding officers he was going to shoot them, then ran into a parking lot. He was cornered near a wall and, when he refused to show his hands, an electric Taser gun was used to subdue him. The youth was "highly intoxicated" and taken to receive medical care after being arrested.

Dec. 25, 7:16 p.m.

A 52-year old West Capitol Ave. man was arrested for biting, punching and choking his wife of 12 years during a domestic dispute. He was, at the time, on parole for domestic violence.

Dec. 26, 2:05 a.m.

A car was reported stolen from Fremont St.

Dec. 26, 3:50 p.m.

A 26-year old man had entered a West Capitol Ave. store earlier and attempted to steal some CDs. He was foiled, and the merchandise was recovered. He later returned with a knife and threatened a victim at the store. He was arrested.

Dec. 26, 7:25 p.m.

A 43-year old homeless woman was arrested during a police anti-prostitution sting operation. She had agreed to provide a sex act to an undercover officer for $25 and agreed to sell him rock cocaine for $25.

Dec. 26, 7:26 p.m.

A woman argued with another person on West Capitol Ave. about drugs, and as the argument escalated, pulled a knife and superficially wounded the other person. She was arrested.

Dec. 26, 10 p.m.

A car was stolen from in front of a Jasmine St. address.

Dec. 27, 3:13 p.m.

An officer found an unoccupied car near 4th and B streets. A known 35-year old man approached the car and officer with the key to the vehicle. The car had been reported stolen and the man was named as a suspect. The man was arrested, and told the officer he had permission to use the car.

Dec. 29, 9:34 a.m.

At a West Capitol Ave. store, a 34-year old Vallejo man entered, picked up a basket and shopped, then stayed near the front of the store for a time. Then he ran out with the items, valuing over $200. The man was caught near Madrone Ave.

Dec. 29, 4:03 p.m.

A 48-year old transient was arrested along West Capitol Ave. for panhandling and public intoxication. He was judged "unable to take care of himself."

Dec. 29, 12:53 a.m.

A woman reported that a 53-year old man had sexual relations with her while she was medicated and partly unconscious. The suspect was arrested.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S No. 1045857-03 APN: 058-063-06,07,08,09- TRA: 004039 Loan No. 99448670 REF: Washburn, Joan IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED March 29, 1999. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On January 28, 2003, at 09:00am, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded April 08, 1999, as inst. No. 99-0010740-00, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, executed by Joan Washburn, An Unmarried Woman, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state: In the courtyard located at 1350 Halyard Drive, West Sacramento, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: Completely described in said deed of trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1536 Jefferson Blvd, West Sacramento, CA 95691. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust to wit: $242,971.18 with interest thereon from April 08, 2002 at 8.0% per annum as provided in said note(s), plus costs and charges and advances with interest. ESTIMATED TOTAL DEBT $6...,174.54. Beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Election to Sell. Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. For sales information: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm (619) 590-1221. Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, Ca 92022-9004 Dated: December 23, 2002 Trustee Sale Officer: Rhonda L. Rorie. (R-91749 01/01/03, 01/08/03, 01/15/03)

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Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth.
—George Washington

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Truth is always exciting. Speak it, then. Life is dull without it.
—Pearl S. Buck

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If you cannot win, make the one ahead of you break the record.
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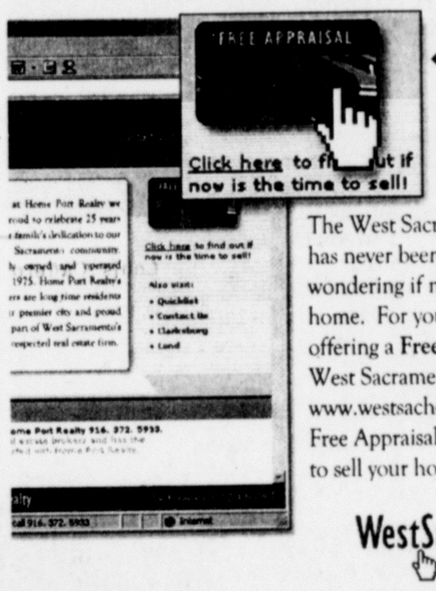

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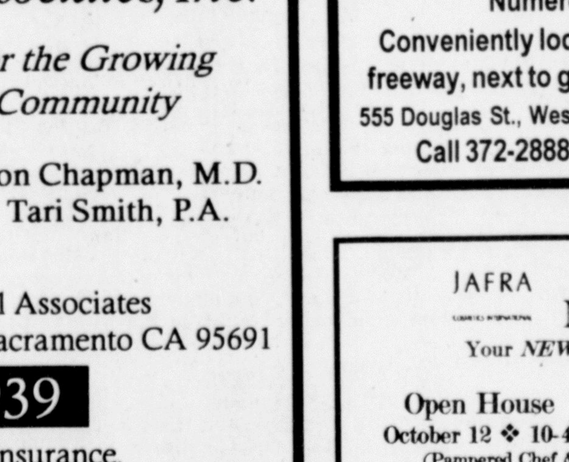

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Local Scene

Children of divorce

Yolo Family Service Agency is once again offering 'Kids' Turn', a six-week group program for children and parents experiencing divorce or separation. The program offers support and help with coping skills. For more information, call 375-1254.

Parent empowerment

Yolo Connections Parent Empowerment series starts classes Jan. 7. Classes will be held countywide in both Spanish and English. The series inclues "Bonding and Rebuilding" for children ages 0-5; "Active Parenting" for children 4-12; and Parent to Parent for children 12-18. No cost; free childcare for most sessions. Call Jada at (530) 669-3285 for information or to register.

Get involved

The City of West Sacramento is looking for residents to serve on the following boards and commissions: planning commission, commission on aging, parks & community services commission, housing advisory commission, economic development advisory commission and board of appeals. For more information or an application, call 617-4500.

Junior League

The Junior League of Sacramento invites women interested in helping at-risk children. Attend a new member orientation meeting at 778 University Ave., Sacramento. Choose: Tues., Jan. 14, from 6-7 p.m.; Wed., Jan. 15, noon to 1 p.m.; or Wed., Jan. 22, from 6-7 p.m. Volunteer time is flexible, with members spending around 10 hours per month. Call 921-1096 for more information.

Raley Field use

The Sacramento River Cats have made 20 days available for community group use of Raley Field. Non-profit groups interested in using the stadium between March 1 and Oct. 31, 2003, may obtain an application by calling the city parks department, 373-5860.

Coat donations

The Star Recorder Committee of the Women of the Moose in West Sacramento is collecting "coats for kids" along with Channel 10 during December. New or gently-used coats may be dropped off at the Moose Home, 3240 Jefferson Blvd., and will be delivered to Channel 10 to be given to needy kids. Cash donations may also be sent to the Salvation Army, PO Box 34699, Sacramento, CA 95834. Make checks payable to "Coats for Kids."

Refuse service

In consideration of the New Year holiday this week, Wednesday refuse pickups will move to Thursday; Thursday pickups will move to Friday; and Friday pickups will move to Saturday. If you have any questions, call 617-4575.

Holiday recycling

Here are three ideas for recycling holiday trees and materials: The West Sacramento Senior Center and use your used greeting cards for crafts. Drop the cards off at 661 Cummins Way, or at the parks department in city hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave. Consider using gift bags instead of gift wrap for presents. The presents can be re-used, and you may put a date on the inside of the bag each time it's used for a new present. You may recycle your Christmas tree by cutting it into three-foot sections and leaving it curbside, or by dropping it in the box in the Rite Aid parking lot before Jan. 6.

Suicide prevention

Suicide Prevention and Crisis Services of Yolo County announce an ongoing winter session of "Friends and Family of Suicide Loss," through January on Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. at the Suicide Prevention office in Davis. No fee. Call (530) 756-7542 for information or to register.

Painters' exhibit

The "plein air" painters will have watercolors on exhibit through Jan. 2 at the Turner branch library, 1212 Merkley Ave., West Sacramento. Artists are Mae Delle Leino, Ruth McCormick, Cathy Palmer, Del Sunley and Betty Fairbairn Sokolich.

Cookbooks for church

A cookbook from Trinity Presbyterian Church called "Cooking with Angels" is now available for purchase. A number of local cooks submitted recipes for the book. Call 371-8873 or the church, 371-5875.

Art show

The West Sacramento Art Guild will exhibit its works at Ann Bissett-Clark's studio at 1510 Merkley Ave. from 6-9 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month. For information concerning the show or the guild, call Stella Caluya, 371-3744.

Gallery show

The public is invited to the opening of an art show called "Visions," at Davis Community Gallery in the waiting area and community room of the Davis Community Clinic, 2040 Sutter Pl. in Davis. A reception for the artists will be held 5:30-7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 10. For information, call Jenni Jacobs, (530) 758-1510, ext. 1204.

Bargain books

A book sale sponsored by the East Yolo Friends of the library will be held Sat.-Sun. Jan. 18-19, with Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will be held in the community room of the Arthur F. Turner Branch Library, 1212 Merkley Ave. Donations of clean, gently used books are accepted year round in the library. Donations of magazines, catalogs and audio-visual materials are also welcome. Book sale proceeds benefit library programs.

CRITIC'S CORNER
By D.N.A. Smith

"Star Trek: Nemesis"

Running Time: 115 minutes
MPAA rating: PG-13

The rule of thumb concerning the quality of Trek films is that the even-numbered ones are good, the odd-numbered bad — and the worst of the lot is "Star Trek V: The Final Frontier," the one directed by William Shatner, where the Enterprise is hijacked by a Vulcan on a search to find God.

Well, the Even/Odd Rule has been broken. "Star Trek: Nemesis," the 10th in the series, is just one notch above the wretched "Star Trek V." Maybe the Rule should be changed to "All even-numbered Trek films are good, unless divisible by 5."

"Star Trek: Nemesis" is a truly pathetic offering. It's so bad it wouldn't have made it on television. OK, maybe as an episode of "Andromeda."

The plot revolves around a clone of Enterprise captain Jean-Luc Picard (Patrick Stewart). The evil Romulans have made a clone of the captain, and when they discover that they don't really need him, they banish the Mini-Me to the dilithium mines of Remus, where the little spud grows up to be a bald baddie with a chip on his shoulder. The clone leads an uprising, takes over the Romulan government and goes a-huntin' for Federation booty.

There is also a subplot involving the discovery of an android that is a prototype of Data (Brent Spiner).

So, what we've got here is the classic Evil Twin episode times two: An evil clone of Picard and a bad robot twin of Data. Gosh, this hasn't been done before on Star Trek. Naw. The only thing missing is goatees on the villains.

At this point, the movie sets its phasers on Dull & Predictable with Ludicrous Torpedoes locked and loaded. Not only is this film a rehash of previous plotlines, it also lamely tries to invoke the spirit of the best Trek film, "Star Trek II: The Wrath of

Patrick Stewart, Tom Hardy

Khan." I won't give away too much, but one of the Enterprise crew takes a dirt nap at the end, a la Spock.

There are numerous plot holes and continuity errors with respect to Trek canon. In one scene, Picard looks at a picture of himself from his old academy days. In the picture, Picard is a bald young man. But in the series, his younger cadet self had a full head of hair. This is only one example of many sloppy mistakes in the script.

The effects are anything but special. As are the performances. You get the impression that everyone is just waiting for the checks to clear. Most of the supporting characters have nothing to do but spout technobabble or make bad one-liners.

This picture is billed as a generation's final voyage. Let's hope so.

Grade: D

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TOP TEN

Top 10 Video Rentals

1. **Men in Black II** .....(PG-13)
Will Smith (Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment)
2. **Ice Age** .....(PG)
animated (FoxVideo)
3. **Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood** .....(PG-13)
Sandra Bullock (Warner Home Video)
4. **Mr. Deeds** .....(PG-13)
Adam Sandler (Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment)
5. **The Sum of All Fears** ..(PG-13)
Ben Affleck (Paramount Home Entertainment)
6. **Reign of Fire** .....(PG-13)
Matthew McConaughey (Touchstone Home Video)
7. **Spider-Man** .....(PG-13)
Tobey Maguire (Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment)
8. **Bad Company** .....(PG-13)
Chris Rock (Touchstone Home Video)
9. **Star Wars: Episode II — Attack of the Clones** .....(PG)
Natalie Portman (FoxVideo)
10. **Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** .....(G)
animated (DreamWorks Home Entertainment)

Top 10 DVD Sales

1. **Ice Age** .....(PG)
(FoxVideo)
2. **Men in Black II — Widescreen** .....(PG-13)
(Columbia TriStar Home Ent.)
3. **Men in Black II — Pan & Scan** .....(PG-13)
(Columbia TriStar Home Ent.)
4. **Monsters, Inc.** .....(G)
(Walt Disney Home Entertainment)
5. **Beauty and the Beast — Special Edition** .....(G)
(Walt Disney Home Entertainment)
6. **Star Wars: Episode II — Attack of the Clones — Widescreen** (PG)
(FoxVideo)
7. **Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron — Pan & Scan** .....(G)
(DreamWorks Home Entertainment)
8. **Spider-Man—Widescreen** (PG-13)
(Columbia TriStar Home Ent.)
9. **Spider-Man — Pan & Scan** .....(PG-13)
(Columbia TriStar Home Ent.)
10. **Star Wars: Episode II— Attack of the Clones - Pan & Scan** ..(PG)
(FoxVideo)

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ON GILLIGAN'S ISLAND, HE COULD CONSTRUCT A NUCLEAR REACTOR OUT OF A COCONUT. HERE? I CAN'T EVEN GET HIM TO FIX A LEAKY FAUCET.
Martin Bucella

After The Professor's rescued.

top 10 movies

1. **Maid In Manhattan** ....(PG-13)
Jennifer Lopez, Ralph Fiennes
2. **Star Trek: Nemesis** .....(PG-13)
Patrick Stewart, Jonathan Frakes
3. **Drumline** .....(PG-13)
Orlando Jones, Nick Cannon
4. **The Hot Chick** .....(PG-13)
Rob Schneider, Rachel McAdams
5. **Die Another Day** .....(PG-13)
Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry
6. **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** .....(PG)
Daniel Radcliffe, Kenneth Branagh
7. **Analyze That** .....(R)
Robert DeNiro, Billy Crystal
8. **The Santa Clause 2** .....(G)
Tim Allen, Spencer Breslin
9. **Treasure Planet** .....(PG)
Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Brian Murray
10. **Empire** .....(R)
John Leguizamo, Denise Richards

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Example has more followers than reason.
—Christian Bovee

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Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can.
—John Wesley

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Man is the only animal that can be bored.
—Erich Fromm

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Love sought is good, but given unsought is better.
—William Shakespeare, *Twelfth Night*

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When in doubt, do the courageous thing.
—Jan Smuts

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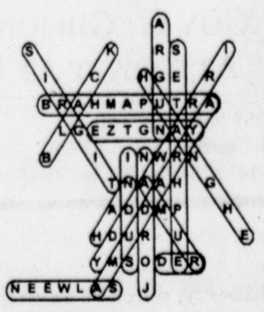
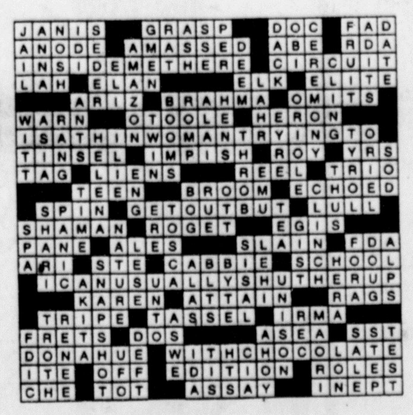
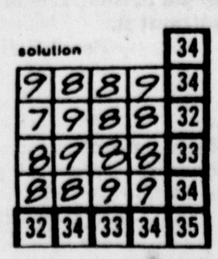
Answers to Puzzles & Sports Quiz

Answers

1. True. Ryan actually did it twice — 1981 (1.69 ERA) and 1987 (2.76).
2. Twice — 1995-96 with Cleveland and 2001-02 with Philadelphia.
3. Shaun Alexander of Seattle had 14 rushing touchdowns in 2001.
4. Current Washington Wizards head coach Doug Collins, with 2,240 points.
5. The Chicago Blackhawks.
6. Cale Yarborough (1976-78).
7. Kim Clijsters at the WTA Championships.







Differences: 1. Halo wire is missing. 2. Sign is different. 3. Boy is barefoot. 4. Robe has a border. 5. Cloud is missing. 6. Two stagelights are gone.